

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

January 20, 2012

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

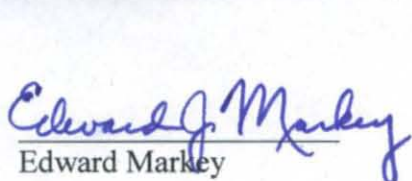
We are writing to express our concern about the ongoing retransmission consent dispute between Sunbeam Television and DirecTV, which is affecting more than 200,000 DirecTV subscribers in Greater Boston who have been left without their normal access to Channels 7 and 56 since last Saturday. Such suspension of service could become even more serious for these customers if, as we hope, the New England Patriots win the AFC Championship Game this Saturday and advance to the Super Bowl on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

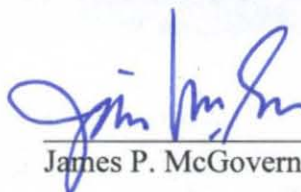
We make no representations as to the merits of either side's position, as these are contractual discussions between private parties. We have written to both companies encouraging them to remain engaged in good faith negotiations and noting that Sunbeam has agreed to temporarily restore its signal during the upcoming NFC Championship Game on Miami's Fox affiliate WFSN-TV to mitigate the impact of the dispute on customers in that market. (See attachment)

Clearly, the public interest would be served if carriage is restored by the parties at the earliest possible opportunity so that consumers are no longer disadvantaged as a result of this dispute. Accordingly, we request that you take action to bring the parties together so these negotiations can be concluded in an equitable and expeditious manner and the signal restored. Consumers should not be caught in the middle.

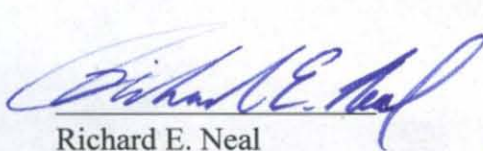
We look forward to your response.

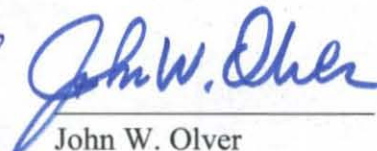
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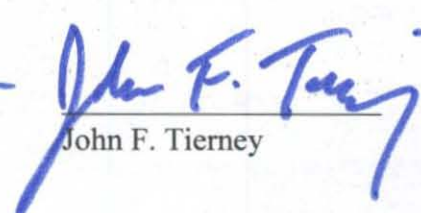
  
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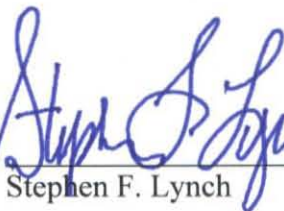
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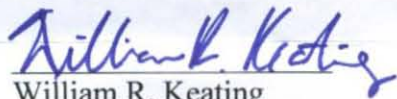
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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2108 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Markey:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern about the retransmission consent negotiations between DIRECTV and Sunbeam Television Corporation. I share your concern for consumers caught in the middle of protracted negotiations. As you know, Commission staff continually monitored this situation and reached out to the parties for status updates. I am pleased that the parties were able to reach an agreement.

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The Honorable Michael E. Capuano  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1414 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Congressman Capuano:

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The Honorable Barney Frank  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2252 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable William Keating  
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315 Cannon House Office Building  
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